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## FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. [Italicized passages are recorded]
2. [Text] The Cardoen-Bell helicopter has been designed exclusively to serve as a civilian multipurpose aircraft. This was stated by Raul Montecino, public relations chief of Cardoen Industries. He was referring to reports from European newspapers that connected the death of British journalist (Jonathan Miles) in Santiago to the development of helicopter gunships in Chile.
3. Montecino said that the 206L helicopter is undergoing technical inspection in (?Fort Ord), United States, by a Federal organization. The aircraft could not undergo this inspection if it were a combat aircraft, since the Kennedy Amendment, thus forbids so.
4. [Reporter] Could this multipurpose aircraft have military uses?
5. [Montecino] Any means of transportation could have military applications, depending on what you want it for. However, the Cardoen-Bell helicopter has been designed exclusively as a multipurpose civilian aircraft.
6. The Cardoen Industry spokesman denied that his company is holding talks with other countries to sell the 206L helicopter for combat purposes. He added that the company is waiting to finish building a

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prototype to carry out marketing studies. It is thought that once in the market, the Cardoen-Bell helicopter will cost \$2.5 million, one third of what a similar aircraft would cost if it were built in other countries, for example the FRG. The clients for this helicopter will mainly be third-world countries. He reiterated that Cardoen has not tried to offer the helicopter to Iraq.

7. When asked about the relation between Cardoen Industries and British journalist (Jonathan Miles) who was found hanged in his room at the Carrera Hotel on 31 March, Montecinos answered that relations with him were the same as with other journalists.

8. [Reporter] What relation did British journalist (Jonathan Miles) have with Cardoen Industries, since it is known that his last activity in Santiago was to prepare an article about the construction of this helicopter?

9. [Montecino] The relation we had with this unfortunate journalist was no different from the one we had with other journalists during the FIDA [International Air Fair]. More than 130 journalists came to us, not only to ask for details but to [words indistinct] of the helicopter which was the center of attraction of our stand. He was not different from the other journalists who came from all parts of the world.

10. The Cardoen spokesman said he does not believe that the British journalist was after industrial secrets.

11. [Montecinos] I do not think so, because our design is so modest in the international field of helicopter technology that it would seem childish to seek a secret where there is none.

12. The death of British journalist (Jonathan Miles), editor of the specialized weapons magazine [name indistinct] is currently being investigated by Criminal Judge Alejandro Solis. The judge ordered the Investigative Police to carry out some investigations after an autopsy on the British journalist revealed that he had taken tranquilizers.

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